

**UT ADMINISTRATION OF DAMAN & DIU  
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ACTIVIES CARRIED OUT BY THE UT ADMINISTRATION OF DAMAN &  
DIU DURING KALA UTSAV PROGRAMME HELD AT BHOPAL (M.P.) AND  
CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME UNDER 'EK BHARAT SHRESTHA  
BHARAT' HELD AT PUDUCHERRY.

Monthly Progress Report for the month of January – 2020

- The UT Administration of Daman & Diu participated in Kala Utsav Programme under Samagra Shiksha at Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) from 01/01/2020 to 06/01/2020.

Total 08 Students and 02 Escort Teachers participated in the above programme.

During the visit at Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) the students of UT of Daman & Diu interacted with the students of UT of Puducherry which is partner UT under cultural exchange programme under 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. The students shared their knowledge about each others UTs i.e. culture, language, food etc.

- The UT Administration of Daman & Diu participated in cultural exchange programme under 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' at Puducherry from 08/01/2020 to 16/01/2020.

In the said programme total 22 meritorious students, 02 Escort Teachers and 02 Tour Coordinators visited Puducherry from 08/01/2020 to 16/01/2020. A brief report regarding various activities carried out are as under :-

## ❖ Brief Report on ‘Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat’, Puducherry Tour

A tour for cultural exchange programme under ‘Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat’ was approved for the total 22 meritorious students and 02 Escort Teachers and 02 Tour Coordinator of Daman & Diu to Puducherry from 08/01/2020 to 16/01/2020.

On 08/01/2020, we have departed from O/o the Asstt. Director of Education, Nani Daman at 7:45 AM to Surat Railway Station. We have reached the station by 10:15 AM and departed to Chennai From Surat at 11:00 AM. on 09/01/2020, we reached Chennai Central at 3:45 PM. Officials of Directorate of Education, Puducherry came to receive us on the station. Then we proceeded to Puducherry at 5:00 PM by bus and reached Puducherry at 9:00 PM, State Project Director-SS, Puducherry and other officers/officials welcomed us at Sharnam Aashram, they have also served dinner to our team.



On 10/01/2020, we had breakfast at 8:00 AM, and then departed from Sharanam to Puducherry Lake. After that, we had visited Government Primary School, Koonchimpet. They welcomed us with grand traditional way, where they wore traditional clothes, traditional band were played, different type of traditional snacks were served. Introduced several traditional dance. They decorated the School in their own traditional way. We observed the school cleanliness. We have also visited kitchen garden (Developed on terrace) Then we had traditional lunch in this school. This school was secured Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar for 03 times. Then, we departed from school at 3:30 PM and reached National Fossil Wood garden at 3:40 PM. Where, it was explained that, about 20 million years ago, woods had been converted in stone due to sedimentation process.



Then we visited Puducherry Museum and observed the display of French weapons, their lifestyle, etc. After that we visited Puducherry symbol structure opposite Lieutenant Governor House. From there we went to visit Mahatma Gandhi Statue, French Memorial at Puducherry Beach and then we had dinner at Jawahar Bal Bhavan. After dinner we went back to Sharnam Ashram.



On 11/01/2020 we departed from Sharanama to visit Gingee Fort at 6:00 AM we had a breakfast on the way and reached the fort at around 9:30 AM. We climbed the queen fort, where it was explained that this fort was built by Ananta kon of the konar Dynasty around 1190 AD and later fortified by Krishna Konar. We came back at 11:30 AM. After that we visited Ramana Mahrishi Aashram, where we all did meditation for a while and then we went to Kuber Temple and we had lunch. Later by 4:00 PM we went to **Arunachalesvara Temple**, also called **Annamalaiyar Temple**, this temple dedicated to the deity Shiva, located at the base of Arunachala hill in the town of Thiruvannamalai in Tamil Nadu, India. It is significant to the Hindu sect of Saivism as one of the temples associated with the five elements, the *PanchaBhootaStalas*, and specifically the element of fire, or Agni. Shiva is worshiped as Arunachalesvara or Annamalaiyar. The present masonry structure was built during the Chola dynasty in the 9th century. After that

we went to Villupuram Balaji temple and had dinner and returned back to Sharanam.



On 12/01/2020 we went to Aranya forest which is Man- made forest. Aranya is a reforestation site and educational centre located about 12 kms north-west of Puducherry in the proximity of Ousteri Lake. It encompasses 45 hectares of plateau and an area of ravines and gullies. Since 1994 work has been in progress to restore the coastal Tropical Dry Evergreen Forest (TDEF) on the site. Today Aranya has a reputation as a living laboratory of evolution attracting students of nature sciences and acting as a site for informal discussion for nature clubs, eco-clubs with children, etc. where we visited to forest and had Lunch there. Later in the evening around 4:30 PM we visited The Sacred heart of Basilica Church. This 100-year-old church has been led by twenty parish priests. The Grotto for Our Lady of Lourdes, Parish Hall, Adoration chapel and the new parish community hall were some of the development of this church since the 1960s. After the arrival of parish priest Thomas in 2005 the church was fully renovated inside and out. Then, we went to Hotel Sunway, where the grand dinner was organized by the Director (Education), Puducherry. We had a meeting with the Director (Education), Puducherry and SPD-SS Puducherry on several topics. After that, they met the students of Daman & Diu and we had dinner. We returned back to Sharanam after dinner.





On 13/01/2020 we had a School visit at Government Primary School, Manepet, They welcomed us with grand traditional way, where they wore traditional clothes, traditional band, different type of traditional snacks, traditional dance. They decorated the School in their own traditional way. We have introduced to students cabinet then we have visited several spots like Water harvesting, Water Treatment, Basic Maths Puzzle, Decompose Fertilizer etc. in the school campus, which is developed and maintained by the students. School had also arranged traditional snacks for all of us. After that we visited the next school at Seliamedu where we celebrated Pongal. We visited the Art & craft room of the School, where the students of Daman & Diu did the Activity of making best Out of Waste. From there we went for Dinner at Jawahar Bal Bhavan, and back to Sharnama.





On 14/01/2020 we visited Ponlait Dairy, and saw the process of the various dairy products. Then we went to Auroville International City (Matri Mandir), At its Annual Conference in 1964 and with Mirra Alfassa as its Executive President, the Sri Aurobindo Society in Pondicherry passed a resolution for the establishment of a city dedicated to the vision of Sri Aurobindo. In the middle of the town is the Matrimandir, which was conceived by Alfassa as "a symbol of the Divine's answer to man's aspiration for perfection". Silence is maintained inside the Matrimandir to ensure the tranquility of the space and the entire area surrounding the Matrimandir is called the Peace area. Inside the Matrimandir, a spiraling ramp leads upwards to an air-conditioned chamber of polished white marble referred to as "a place to find one's consciousness". we spent 2 hours there and went to Bal Bhavan for lunch. Later we had Cultural program at Jawahar Bal Bhavan, where students of Daman, Diu and Puducherry performed many cultural activities as a part cultural exchange programme. State Project Director-SS, Puducherry gave momento to all the students and officials.





On 15/01/2020 we departed from Sharnamato Mahabalipuram at 7:00 AM. We visited Shore temple and Group of monuments at Mahabalipuram, where our Hon'ble Prime Minister and the President of China had meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. **Mamallapuram**, also known as **Mahabalipuram**, as a town in Chengalpattu district in the southeastern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, best known for the UNESCO World Heritage Site 7th- and 8th-century Hindu Group of Monuments at Mamallapuram. Then we left for Chennai. In between, we visited Marina Beach, where students enjoyed a lot at sea-shore and had snacks on the beach. We reached MGR Chennai Central at 6:00 PM. We departed for Daman by 8:30 PM. Next day on 16/01/2020 we reached Surat station at 11:57 PM, then departed from surat station at 12:10 PM by bus and reached daman at 3:00 AM.

